

**Amendments To The Claims**

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A system for inserting a sling through a vaginal incision to treat a patient's incontinence comprising:

a sling having two end portions;

at least two sling anchors associated with each of the end portions of the sling, the sling anchors comprising a substantially cylindrical body having a bore extending therethrough that secures the sling anchors to the end portions of the sling to anchor the sling to internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia of the patient; and

a sling anchor inserter sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors through a vaginal incision.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 17 wherein the sling comprises a substantially rectangular, synthetic material ~~and the sling anchor comprises a clip.~~

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17 wherein the sling anchor inserter is sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors into internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia near an inner surface of the patient's descending rami.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17 wherein the sling anchor inserter is sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors into internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia near the patient's descending rami.

23 (Cancelled)

24. (New) A system for treating a patient's incontinence comprising:  
a synthetic sling having two end portions;  
at least two sling anchors secured to the end portions of the sling, the sling anchors comprising a substantially cylindrical body having a bore extending perpendicularly through the longitudinal axis of the cylindrical body, the sling anchors adapted to anchor the sling to internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia of the patient; and  
a sling anchor inserter adapted to insert the sling anchors into internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia of the patient.
25. (New) The system of claim 1 further comprising a suture that extends through the bore of each anchor and is secured to the end portions of the sling.
26. (New) The system of claim 24 further comprising a suture that extends through the bore of each anchor and secures the anchors to the end portions of the sling.
27. (New) A system for inserting a sling through a vaginal incision to treat a patient's incontinence comprising:  
a sling having two end portions;  
at least two sling anchors associated with each of the end portions of the sling, the sling anchors comprising a substantially cylindrical body having a bore extending therethrough that secures the sling anchors to the end portions of the sling to anchor the sling to internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia of the patient; and  
a sling anchor inserter sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors through a perineal incision.